

the hard work of women like Jane Addams, Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, and millions more, women's suffrage at last became the law from sea to sea.

As women took to the polls, women legislators were not far behind. The passage of the Nineteenth Amendment paved the way for Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to Congress—she would take office only four years later. It paved the way for Ella Grasso of my home state of Connecticut, the first woman elected Governor independent of her husband.

And it paved the way for a whole host of diverse women leaders who have worked to transform American politics, from Bella Abzug, Shirley Chisholm, and Patsy Mink to Margaret Chase Smith, Nancy Kassebaum, and Connie Morella; from Ann Richards to Hillary Rodham Clinton to our very own speaker, NANCY PELOSI.

Ninety years ago, our nation took another large and important step towards fulfilling the promise of the founding—that this was and shall always be a land that enshrines freedom, equality, justice, and opportunity for every man and every woman. I applaud the millions of Americans in our history who worked hard to make women's suffrage a reality. And I urge my fellow women to honor this achievement by getting engaged in politics, by voting this and every November, and by committing to lead us all into the future.

AUTHORIZING PEACE CORPS COMMEMORATIVE WORK

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, as a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, I rise in support of H.R. 4195, Authorization of the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs.

I commend Representative SAM FARR and members of the Committee on Natural Resources for the hard work and thoughtful consideration that went into this bill. I am pleased this bill will authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a memorial that honors the Peace Corps and the instrumental role it plays in establishing prosperous foreign relation and cross-cultural understandings. Through the selfless service of men and women of this nation as Peace Corps Volunteers, the Corps' mission of world peace and friendship is realized around the world.

Since President John F. Kennedy's call to service, almost 50 years ago, nearly 200,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to train local people in technologies and issues including agriculture production, water quality improvement, basic education, AIDS education, information technology, and environmental preservation. With the recent devastations in Haiti and Chile, we are continuously reminded of the significance of community service and inspired by the valuable assistance the Peace Corps provide.

My personal experience as a former Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador building

schools and health clinics continues to inspire me to actively advocate for the expansion of this worthy and necessary organization. The experience meant much to me and marked the beginning of my lifelong commitment to public service. Most importantly, I returned to the United States with a deeper understanding of humanity and a personal commitment to speak on behalf of the marginalized and powerless.

To that end, alongside of my colleagues, I requested \$465 million for FY 2011 Peace Corps fund, allowing the Peace Corps to modernize its systems, optimize the number of Volunteers and staff in existing countries, strengthen recruiting and diversity efforts, continue to expand to new nations, and maximize safety and security training and compliance efforts. Although a lot has been achieved since the Peace Corps' inception, it is currently at half the size it was in 1966. I am greatly encouraged by President Obama's commitment to expand public service by building upon the Peace Corps and creating innovative programs that inspire Americans, from all walks of life, to bear the torch of peace and goodwill.

Again, I congratulate the Committee on Natural Resources and Representative SAM FARR for their work on this bill and I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation to authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs. In this time of world conflict and economic disparities I find hope in the work of the Peace Corps. Their mission is more vital than ever and my resolve to reinvigorate our Nation's greatest and most cost-efficient diplomatic tool is strengthened. Let us all pay tribute to the hard work, perseverance, determination, compassion, and idealism of the Peace Corps and past and current Peace Corps Volunteers around the world.

TRIBUTE TO DEREK FARLEY

HON. SCOTT MURPHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Madam Speaker, the following is an exchange of e-mails between Derek Farley and his mother, Carrie.

Communication between Carrie Farley and Derek Farley before he left for Afghanistan September 11, 2009:

It was nice hearing your voice and thank you for the call.

I'm proud of you Derek, you are right. For a young man you've accomplished and experienced a lot within your years of travel. You've met some really good friends, people you will always be able to depend on and will have your back.

All these experiences have made you a wonderful young man and I'm proud to be your mother.

I love you,

MOM.

I know I never said it when I was home but I love what I am doing in life and my job is my life. If something were to happen to me just remember I do the most dangerous job because it has the most rewarding payoff.

My life is EOD and if I get hit then I do it as an EOD Tech. There would be no greater honor for me if it comes to it, but I keep

fighting because there are thousands of mothers out there just like you who want to see their sons and daughters again.

That is my motivation—to be an EOD guy. I know it sucks to talk about it, but its true and there is a chance it could happen.

I just need you and dad and the rest of the family to keep supportive and let me do my thing. I trust my guys and when times are hard they keep me in line. I have the best training and the best back up anyone in the EOD field could ask for and that is 100% true.

DEREK.

99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, October 10th marks the 99th anniversary of the Republic of China, ROC. From its first days in mainland China, the ROC has always been a world economic leader. Taiwan's rapid industrialization after the Second World War and Chinese Civil War has long since provided a fertile market for many U.S. companies.

Following World War II, Taiwan suffered horrific hyperinflation. The ROC government thus created a new currency zone for Taiwan, as well as a vital price stabilization program. Future U.S. economic assistance resulted in full price stabilization as early as 1952. Taiwan's ROC government then went about installing an import-substitution policy, helping local companies produce for themselves much of what they had until then imported.

Agriculture made up 35 percent of Taiwan's economy in 1952. That figure is roughly only 2 percent today. Taiwan has sustained much of its economic growth in modern times, and can now be thought of as nothing less than a fully developed economy. Real gross domestic product growth has averaged roughly 8 percent over the last 30 years. In fact, 2001, a year of nearly universal worldwide recession, was the first year since 1947 that Taiwan experienced negative economic growth.

Taiwan enjoys perennial trade surpluses, as well as the world's third highest foreign currency reserves. Dominated by many small and medium-sized businesses, Taiwan's entrepreneurial spirit and lack of undue government interference in the economy also helped shield the island from the worst of the 1997–98 Asian Financial Crisis. Taiwan today is also a major offshore investor in nearby Asian markets, namely mainland China, Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Republic of China on Taiwan on its many economic achievements during its rich 99-year history, many of which have also benefited U.S. investors, customers and exporters.

HONORING LCPL NATHANIEL SCHULTZ

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, sacrifice, and heroism